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TO : Chief, Communications 8 June 1950  
Chief, FDM

FROM :

SUBJECT: General - Communications

Specific - KREER Meeting of 7 June 1950

REF :

1. The undersigned met with Mr. Kreer and Mr. Sheppard in the latter's office in [ ] on 7 June 1950. Kreer had just completed an on-the-spot discussion and survey of State communications facilities and plans in the European area at the time of the meeting. Mr. Kreer is departing for Washington by air on 8 June 1950. 25X1A

2. Mr. Kreer had no specific requests for formulating plans at the time of the meeting. Key figures involved with the emergency radio plans appear to be the Security Officers of the U.S. Embassies in London and Rome. According to Kreer, both gentlemen have, on a rather independent basis, formulated and attempted to implement certain plans involving radio and its place in the future. Kreer explained to [ ] that the purpose of his European trip was to personally discuss and coordinate such plans in Europe in order to return to Washington and effectively implement a coordinated emergency commo plan. 25X1A

3. As envisaged by Kreer, State commo plans involving the use of radio appear to fall in two nets; (a) an intermission net and (b) an embarkation net. It should be stated at this juncture that Kreer is not firmly convinced of the feasibility of present plans surrounding these two nets. The intermission net, in principle, seems to involve placing radio communications equipment in State installations throughout Europe which could be manned on an emergency basis at any time. Such a net would, in effect, be a reserve facility which could be activated in a minimum of time should future events require such activation. The embarkation net, as an idea, seems to have originated with the Security Officer of the U.S. Embassy in Rome, and envisages the installation of two-way radio equipment in principal port locations such as Genoa, Marseille, etc. Such port installations would be coordinated through major embassies such as London, and/or Rome. The entire embarkation net in the final analysis would be tied into the U.S. Navy for purposes of coordinating the evacuation of U.S. personnel from the continent.

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4. Kreer explained to [ ] that the State Department had discussions with [ ] in the past on this matter. Kreer intends to contact [ ] as soon as possible after Kreer's return to the U.S. for purposes of discussing the implementation of such communications planning. [ ] expresses his personal desire to cooperate as fully as possible with Kreer and his plans but informed Kreer that any decisions relative to the use of either personnel or equipment of this organization in Europe would perforce be a matter for [ ] decision. In general principle, [ ] expressed the opinion that equipment availability was not as major a problem in implementing Kreer's plans as the availability of personnel.

5. In as much as Kreer will probably have discussed his meeting with [ ] and the results of his over-all European visit with [ ] before this pouch is received in Washington, it does not appear necessary to pursue the 7 June conference at any length. As expressed to Mr. Kreer, the undersigned would be personally very happy to assist in any way our capabilities (and definite limitations personnel-wise) permit. We await your decision and guidance in the matter.

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